

REMARKS

This amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed February 1, 2008. The Specification, Abstract and Drawings have been amended. Claims 1, 3-4, 6-9, 12 and 14 are pending. Claims 1, 4, 6, 7 and 12 are amended. Claims 2, 5, 10, 11 and 13 are canceled.

In paragraph 2 of the Office Action, the Abstract is objected to because of typographical mistakes. Applicants has amended the Abstract to correct the typographical errors noted by the Examiner.

In paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Office Action, the drawings have been objected to for typographical errors concerning text labels "GMS." Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for recognizing this typographical error. Accordingly, the first drawing sheet has been amended to correct this typographical error.

In paragraph 5 of the Office Action, claims 1, 6 and 7 are objected under 37 C.F.R. § 1.75 because of certain informalities. The claim term "the first radio technique" has been changed in claims 1 and 6 to recited "the first radio access technique." In addition, the Office Action objects to the phrase "capable to." This phrase has been amended in claims 1, 6 and 7 to recite "which is configured to." Accordingly, Applicant respectfully request withdrawal of these objections.

In paragraphs 7-9 of the Office Action, claims 1-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the background of the application (AAPA) in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0003951 to Leprieur et al. (Leprieur). The Examiner's rejection on this ground is respectfully traversed.

Among the limitations of independent claim 1 which are neither disclosed nor suggested in the art of record is the step (c) of "the active radio access module activating the passive radio access module immediately before step (a)." Among the limitations of independent claim 6 which are neither disclosed nor suggested in the art of record is the requirement that "the active radio access module adapted to activate the passive radio access module immediately before measuring the time offset."

Among the limitations of independent claim 7 which are neither disclosed nor suggested in the art of record is the requirement that “the active radio access module is adapted to activate the passive radio access via the central interface, and the activation of the passive radio access module is made immediately before calculating the time offset T_{offset} .”

Paragraphs [0003], [0005] and [0009] of AAPA, which were cited by the Office Action, teach only switching between the active and passive radio access modules. They do not teach that the active radio access module activates the passive radio access module. Furthermore, these paragraphs do not teach that the passive radio access module is activated “immediately before measuring/calculating the time offset,” as required by the independent claims. Further, Leprieur is silent concerning what causes activation of the passive radio access module and when such module is activated. In the absence of any teaching or suggestion of these claimed features of the invention, independent claims 1, 6 and 7 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

In addition, independent claim 1 recites a step of “(a) measuring for each of cells adjacent to the current cell a time offset.” The Office Action cites paragraphs [0020] and [0021], but these paragraphs are not in the admitted prior art of AAPA. Leprieur does not disclose measuring time offset for each adjacent cell, as required by claim 1. For this additional reason, independent claim 1 is believed to be allowable over the cited art.

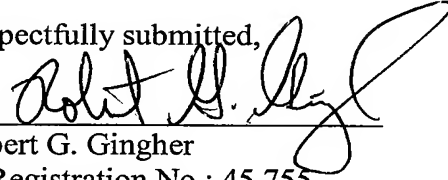
Dependent claims 3-4, 8-9, 12 and 14 depend either directly or indirectly from independent claims 1 and 7, and incorporate all the limitations of the independent claims from which they depend. These dependent claims are allowable over the cited art for at least the same reasons discussed above. In addition, these dependent claims include additional limitation which, in combination with the limitations of the independent claims from which they depend, are further allowable.

In view of the above amendment and remarks, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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